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DENTAL IMPLANT, TRANSFER)
AID FOR TRANSFERRING THE)
POSITION OF AN IMPLANT AND)
OF AN EXTENSION PIECE, AND)
METHOD FOR PRODUCING A)
BASIS FOR A RETENTION)
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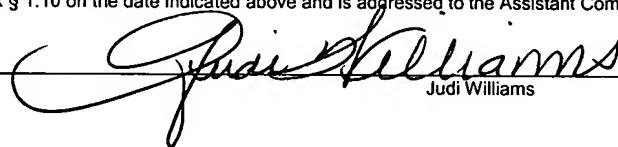
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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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	Copy of European Search Report (in German) dated July 9, 2003.

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